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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 14, 2003, entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the specification and claims as amended are respectfully requested. Applicant hereby respectfully petitions for an extension of time of one month in responding to the Office Action dated August 14, 2003, on the above-

identified application. The extension extends the time to respond from November 14, 2003, to December 14, 2003, and this petition, together with an amendment and the requisite fees, are being filed concurrently with a certificate of mailing on or before the latter date. This request for an extension of time would allow this Amendment to be submitted four months after the date of the Office Action.

Accordingly, the appropriate fee for extension of time is that stated in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(1) for a small entity, which is a \$55.00 extension fee for response within the first month. In addition, one independent claim and three dependent claims have been added by this amendment. Since after the Amendment, 37 claims remain pending, of which 11 are independent, and since in the application 33 claims were previously pending, of which 10 were independent, the appropriate fees for the additional 4 claims is that stated in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(c) for a small entity, which is \$9.00 for each additional claim, for a total of \$36.00, and the appropriate fees for the additional independent claim is that stated in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(b) for a small entity, which is \$43.00 for each additional independent claim, for a total of \$79.00, for a grand total of \$134.00.

The total thus due for this Amendment is \$134.00, and a check for the \$134.00 for the extension and excess claims fee is enclosed herewith. The Patent and Trademark Office is also authorized to charge any additional fee(s) required to secure entry of this Amendment, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-0882.

Please make the following amendments to the application: